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SUBJECT: DESIGNATION OF SENIOR GOZ OFFICIAL TO MONITOR INGA-SHABA PROJECT

1. FOLLOWING THOROUGH REVIEW INGA-SHABA PROJECT, EXIM BANK HAS CONCLUDED IT DOES NOT APPEAR DESIRABLE TO ABANDON LINE, AND THAT ACCELERATED CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM PREFERABLE TO CURRENT SLOWER PACE. BOFOSSA'S COMMITMENT TO PAY EXIM BANK PARIS CLUB DEBT SERVICE AND 15 PERCENT CASH PAYMENT ON INCREASED US COSTS IN ADVANCE WERE MOST HELPFUL.

2. AS A CONDITION FOR FURTHER EXIM FINANCING, EXIM BANK WILL PROBABLY REQUEST THAT GOZ SELECT A SENIOR OFFICIAL TO ACT IN LIAISON WITH AN EXIM BANK REPRESENTATIVE OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SIMILAR STATURE TO SEEK SOLUTIONS TO MAJOR BOTTLE-NECK PROBLEMS SUCH AS HAVE AFFECTED PROJECT IN PAST, E.G., LOCAL COST FINANCING, LACK OF FUEL AND CEMENT, ETC. INDIVIDUAL ON GOZ SIDE SHOULD HAVE AUTHORITY TO ASSIST IN RESOLUTION OF SUCH PROBLEMS WHEN THEY ARE OF SERIOUS, NON-ROUTINE NATURE. SITUATION HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH AMB. KASONGO BY EXIM OFFICERS. KASONGO REQUESTED LETTER

FROM EXIM ON ABOVE POINT.

3. BANK BELIEVES ITS LETTER ON SUBJECT SHOULD IDENTIFY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO COULD FULFILL THIS ROLE AS EXAMPLE OF CHOICE GOZ MIGHT MAKE. EMBASSY COMMENTS ON ABOVE AND SUGGESTION AS TO APPROPRIATE GOZ NOMINEE REQUESTED BY COB MARCH 25. VANCE

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